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We Follow That Way

It was so sudden. Our white lips said:
 "How we shall miss her, the beautiful dead!
 Who'll take the place of the precious one fled?"
 But God knoweth best.
 We know He watches the sparrows that fall,
 Hears the sad cry of the grieved hearts that call,
 Friends, comrades, loved ones, He loveth them all—
 We can trust for the rest.
 Ah, comrades, we stand in the silence,
 Homesick to-day;
 But how can our anguish be bitter
 We follow that way:
 Let us lift up our hearts, beloved,
 Love on, as of yore;
 Then forward, friends, to the duty,
 Not far—with the King in His beauty—
 We greet her once more.
 —Mary T. Lathrap.

To Women of America

It is a sacred privilege to count one in the ranks of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; to become an inheritor of its radiant past, participate in its luminous present and a builder in its brightening future. No matter how numerous or how varied the great interests that may claim a Christian woman's time and sympathy, she should have abundant room in her heart for the temperance reform and give it some of her best activities.
 —Anna A. Gordon.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. E. C. Watkins
 May 20-July 20
Dues—Fargo \$4.90, Lansford 4.20, Epping L. T. L. 2.90, Washburn 1.40, Plaza 1.40, Dickey 2.80, Sheldon 9.80, Portland 4.20, Turtle Lake 2.10, Reeder 1.40, Bismarck 2.80, Forest River 3.50, Hillsboro 70c, Dickinson 70c, Jamestown L. T. L. 9.40, Abercrombie L. T. L. 2.00, Wheelock 3.50, Menoken L. T. L. 1.50, Epping Y. P. B. 6.50, Beach (new union) 7.00, Ryder 70c, Lisbon 4.20, Forest River 70c, Crystal Springs 70c, Edinburg 8.40.
Budget—Williston \$10.00, Forest River 1.80, Wheelock comp. 6.00, Park River comp. 15.50, Lisbon 5.00, Edinburg 14.00.
Miscellaneous—12th Dist., pledge, \$20.00; Col on Field, Mrs. Wilder, 7.89; Medals, Mrs. Wallestad, 14.50; Portland, Union Signal, 1.00; 5th Dist. convention fee, 5.00; Col. on Field, Mrs. Wanner, 13.58; Jamestown, Self Denial, 2.14; Abercrombie, Anna A. Gordon Missionary Fund, 1.00; Lakota, Anna Gordon Missionary Fund 2.00; Park River, Life Membership, Mrs. W. B. Simcox, \$10.00.



ANNA ADAMS GORDON

She Still Lives, Loves and Leads

For forty-two years I have known Anna Gordon. The great privilege was mine of serving with her as a National officer for twenty-one years, ten years while she was vice president and eleven years while she was president.

She had a passion for making others happy and was self-sacrificing and unselfish almost to a fault. Her quiet self-effacement, as secretary to Frances Willard and as vice president and helper to Lillian Stevens, deceived some who did not look beneath the surface. Her work as president of the National and World's W. C. T. U. revealed her unusual powers of leadership. In times of crises, her quick resourcefulness was amazing and more than once turned seeming defeat into victory.

Her unflinching courtesy and statesmanlike diplomacy helped to bring into cooperation the forces which placed prohibition in the Federal Constitution. It can be truly said of her, "She had the manners of a courtier, the brain of a statesman, and the heart of a little child."

She was the personification of eternal youth. Her kindly, merry heart, her charming wit and versatility, her bubbling spirits, all made her like a fountain of living water, bringing cheer and refreshment wherever she came.

While our hearts are lonely without her, it is a joy to think of her released and radiant soul forever with her Lord, to whom her life was given in glad devotion and service.

Her work will go on: Her beautiful songs will be sung until the whole world is free from the legalized drink curse, until every child is protected. She still lives, loves and leads!
 Elizabeth Preston Anderson.



LOUISE CRUMMY MCKINNEY

Louise Crummy McKinney

With deep sorrow we record the passing of Louise Crummy McKinney, July 10, at her home at Claresholm, Alberta. As acting president of the Canadian W. C. T. U., Mrs. McKinney was hostess to the World's convention recently held in Toronto and admirably did she perform her important duties. Delegates noted her quiet strength, her cheerful hospitality, her kindly supervision of the entire convention. Outstanding in that large delegation, she was elected first vice president of the World's W. C. T. U. and Mrs. Boole, as president, felt she had a strong adviser and co-worker. Returning to her western home June 28, Mrs. McKinney was stricken, in the midst of her work, with the severe illness from which she never rallied and twelve days later entered into rest.

From her native Ontario, Louise Crummy came in her young womanhood to North Dakota. She was a warm personal friend, we taught in the Drayton schools together and our friendship has lasted through the years. In the rural community of Nowesta, Pembina county, noted for its intelligent, Christian citizenship, Louise Crummy exerted a strong influence as teacher in the public school. It was there she entered the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, joining the Nowesta Y. W. C. T. U. and serving as its president in 1893. The year following she was elected state evangelist for the North Dakota W. C. T. U., in which capacity her rare ability and consecration found full expression and she was eminently successful.

She held several other state offices and in her report to the convention of 1895, for the Sabbath Observance department she said: "Encouraged by

success, unmoved by hindrances, we are determined to go forward, patiently sowing the seed, trusting God to give an abundant increase, and some day, some one will reap the benefits."

After her marriage to Mr. James McKinney, she moved to Maza and for five years was president of the First W. C. T. U. district. She was a life member of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. She belonged to us and her passing is a personal grief to many a white ribboner in the state. When Mr. and Mrs. McKinney moved to Alberta, Mrs. McKinney's ability was soon recognized and she was elected to the provincial legislature—the first woman member of that assembly. She also served as president of the Alberta W. C. T. U., traveling extensively in the interests of the work.

In 1928 Mrs. McKinney attended the World's Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland. Two years ago, at the Cando convention, she was our guest speaker, inspiring all by her helpful messages. Sweet, sane and sensible, she toiled unceasingly for the overthrow of the liquor traffic in her beloved Canada, fully aware of its entrenchment in government but never doubting its final defeat. She has joined her host of white ribbon comrades on the other shore who see our struggles yet cheer us on to certain victory.

We join with the many who mourn the passing of this beloved friend in extending sympathy to her husband, Mr. James McKinney, and their son Willard, who, with his family, lives in New Hampshire. In spiritual fellowship with those whom we so sadly miss, "we shall still be joined in heart" and soon shall meet again. "Somewhere back of the sunset When the evening shadows fall, We know there are hearts that listen And answer our own hearts' call."
 Barbara H. Wylie.

Williston Welcomes Us West

In spite of discouraging conditions due to drouth, our comrades in Williston and the Fifth district are warmly welcoming us west for our forty-second annual convention September 24-27. With heroic courage, born of faith and prayer, they are bravely carrying on and we shall be glad to clasp hands with them at our annual meeting. The following committees have been appointed:
 General Arrangements—Mrs. L. E. Hennigar
 Entertainment—Mrs. H. R. Lampman
 Reception—Mrs. L. E. Hart
 Decorations and Platform—Miss Anna Bromley
 Music—Mrs. F. A. Hoare
 Press—Mrs. M. Mortenson
 Post Office—Mrs. Wm. Shemory
 Finance—Mrs. P. Erickson

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The L. T. L.

I see by the report of the state treasurer that many legions have paid dues and that is fine. Those who have not should do so soon. I am wondering if our missionary fund has been raised. We are asked to send five cents per member to promote temperance work in other lands.

Why not try a plan like this to raise the money:

"We're giving a party, sunshine or rain,

With a prize for the one with the longest name,

Write your name on a card, a very small task,

One penny a letter is all you'll be asked."

The money should be sent to state treasurer the same as the dues.

In August we remember the sick soldiers and sailors with booklets, sunshine bags and envelopes. In September comes Young Crusader Day. Let's get several clubs of ten subscribers ready for that time.

Valley City sends a fine report. They have 31 paid members and 27 pledged. Three silver medal contests were held and the winners contested with Jamestown for gold medal. They worked several departments but have adjourned for the summer. Misses Shelby and Stowell were splendid leaders.

Miss Helen Thoreson reports 20 members at Abercrombie with the Anna Gordon missionary fund raised by a flower tag sale. They have 10 subscribers to the Crusader; gave the playlet—"John Barleycorn Wants to Come Back;" and a boat ride party and several picnics. Mrs. Hermanson has conducted the McKenzie legion this year and their membership report came in the form of a beautiful May basket with names of members hidden among the candy.

We are glad of the new legions at Mandan, Underwood and Wyndmsre. Jamestown closed the year's work by entertaining the W. C. T. U. in the church parlors. A fine program was given and dainty little cakes and tea served the ladies by a committee of legioners. About 135 were present. This legion is conducted in three of the grade schools. At the close of the membership contest, the Washington school had made the largest gain and will be entertained at a party by the Roosevelt and Franklin schools. This legion will hold a picnic in one of the parks July 1st and August 1st and expects to take up work again September 1st.

Mrs. E. S. Bordwell,
State Secretary.

The chief end of existence is not to make a living but to make a life.

President's Letter

Since the last number of the White Ribbon Bulletin—June and July—events of great importance to our work have taken place. Among these are the Fourteenth triennial convention of the World's W. C. T. U. at Toronto and the National Executive committee meeting at Niagara Falls, with their history making programs and plans.

Five days after the close of the World's W. C. T. U. convention, the beautiful spirit of Anna Adams Gordon, president of the World's W. C. T. U. since 1922, and president of the National W. C. T. U. from 1915 to 1925, was called to her reward. Less than a month later, our own Louise C. McKinney, who started her work in North Dakota, was acting president of the Dominion W. C. T. U. and hostess of the great Toronto convention, also heard the summons to "activities which are not succeeded by weariness." Miss Gordon was the best known and best loved woman in the World's W. C. T. U. Mrs. McKinney's quiet strength and ability made a strong impression on delegates at the Toronto convention and she was elected first vice president of the World's W. C. T. U. The passing of these beloved leaders is not only a loss to our work but a great sorrow to those of us who knew them personally. Tributes to their work will be found in another column.

World's Convention and National

Executive Meeting

I hope every one of you has read the fine report of the World's convention in the convention number of The Union Signal and thus gained some of the inspiration of that wonderful gathering and also a realization of how eagerly the whole world is looking to us to hold fast our prohibition law. Perhaps the most dramatic moment of the Convention was when the United States delegation, 400 strong, pledged with uplifted hand—"WE WILL HOLD FAST AND FINISH THE TASK." We have space for only a brief glance at the high lights of the convention which will be given by Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, who, with Mrs. Andrew Veitch and myself, were the delegates from North Dakota.

The World's convention was followed immediately by a meeting of the National Executive committee at Niagara Falls. Among the forward looking plans adopted for the coming year was one to have 20 great regional conferences in different parts of the United States. North Dakota is greatly favored in having one of these conferences at Fargo next February, probably about the 18th or 19th. Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, vice president, and Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, treasurer of the National W. C. T. U. will conduct this conference. The next National convention will be at Seattle, August 17-24, 1932. The convention special will go over the Northern Pacific and make brief stops for speeches at Fargo and Bismarck.

The presidents of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Crusade Annie Wittenmyer group of states to which North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Utah belong, met and organized by electing Mrs. Elizabeth House, president Oklahoma W. C. T. U., chairman and Mrs. Ella B. Black, president Pennsylvania W. C. T. U., secretary. Plans were made for reaching our goals in the Sixtieth anniversary of the Woman's Crusade and progress was reported. The celebration in 1934 is to cover four years, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934. Goals can be reached only by local unions accepting their share of responsibility

for their attainment. The following plan for the cooperation of local unions was agreed upon:

Methods of Approach to the Anniversary

1. Re-read in the local unions the story of the Crusade as found in "Women Torch-Bearers" and "Give Prohibition Its Chance."
2. Study the lives of the six women for whom the Crusade groups are named and especially the leader of your own group.
3. Devote a meeting to the subject, "Our Debt to the Crusade Leaders."

Methods:—

1. Each local union organize a praying band which will meet informally once a month at some other time and place than the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U.
2. Work for a net gain of not less than six members each year.
3. Work for a net gain of three new subscriptions to The Union Signal each year.
4. Work for a net gain of three new subscriptions to The Young Crusader each year.

5. MEDAL CONTESTS—Each local union hold at least one silver medal contest each year; each district, one gold medal contest each year; each Congressional district, one pearl medal contest; each state W. C. T. U., a diamond medal contest.
6. NEW UNIONS.—We can only reach our goal in new unions if we endeavor to organize one new W. C. T. U., one new Y. P. B. and one new L. T. L. in each county each year.
7. GOALS IN MONEY—Annuities may be purchased at any time through the treasurer of the National W. C. T. U. Legacies may be written into wills at any time. If notice is sent to the treasurer of the National W. C. T. U., full credit will be given for the proposed gifts.

Please preserve this plan that your local union may check up by it at the close of each year. I am depending on every union in North Dakota to do its share.

Demonstration of Prohibition Patriots

The public meeting at Niagara Falls was declared by many witnesses to be the most impressive demonstration of the work and growth of the W. C. T. U. they had ever seen. At the call of her state, each president, bearing her large state flag, marched to the platform keeping time to her state song, sung by a mixed quartette. She had one minute to give the outstanding work of the year in her state. Listening to these speeches from all parts of the United States recounting dry victories and wet defeats, the most skeptical could not but be convinced that, in spite of wet propaganda and distorted news, dry sentiment is on the increase and that the wets are fighting a losing battle.

As each state president finished, small American flags, equal to the number of Prohibition Patriots in her state, glided up an unseen wire above the choir loft and fluttered in the breeze. At the close, there were 6718 of these flags, representing 33,590 new members gained up to Mother's Day. We were very happy to have our 70 Prohibition Patriots and our 350 new members represented there. It was voted to repeat this demonstration at the great regional conference at Washington, D. C., next December. It was also decided that at the Washington demonstration, flags should be added for all who become Prohibition Patriots before the end of the state year. North Dakota ought to have at least 100 flags or an addition of 30 Prohibition Patriots at this great meeting. Those who failed to get five new members thus have another opportunity and present Patriots who get five more will have another flag to their credit.

Memorial to Anna Gordon

Elizabeth Gordon, while at Evanston, went over to Headquarters Building one morning to greet the "Headquarters family," bearing an armful of exquisite American Beauty roses. She presented one to each worker in the name of her loved sister Anna, saying: "I wonder if you wouldn't like to get a new member for the W. C. T. U. as a memorial to Anna Gordon." The response was immediate and enthusiastic. The next day one of the youngest workers said to Miss Elizabeth: "I have my Anna Gordon member already." How many who read these lines will go out and get a new member as a memorial to our beloved leader? No memorial would be more appropriate or would please her more. Those who secure five Anna Gordon members will be known as Anna Gordon Prohibition Patriots. These names will be published in The White Ribbon Bulletin and special honor will be given them at the state convention.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to our comrades in the Third, Fourth and Fifth districts where the drought conditions are most acute. We know how brave and courageous these women are and we believe they will still carry on. Because these dear women may not be able to do as much as usual this year, we, in more favored districts, must make an extra effort, in all branches of our work, and in the gaining of new members and the collection of dues that the state may not suffer loss.

Yours faithfully,
Elizabeth Preston Anderson.

From Mrs. Wallestad

Dear Medal Contest Workers:—

Time flies fast and it is not too early to begin thinking about plans for a contest for the state convention. Many places consider their contest work closed for the year when the schools close and the teachers leave for vacation.

I am glad to note that a few unions are still on the job, and that some who had not held any contests during the school year are now working to make up for lost time.

I am very anxious to hear from every union before definite plans are made for the state contest. The situation is this way: So many unions and districts now have gold medalists who are eligible for entrance in a grand gold medal contest that I fear a call for this group would bring too large response. A few districts have held their own grand gold medal contests so that with the winners in the state contests during the last years we may have enough contestants for a diamond medal. Please let me hear from the unions, also from district presidents or contest directors on all of you promptly, I shall have to send letters to all unions which will add more to my expense bill for the year, and this you may help me avoid.

An important question I must have answered soon—Is our state going to compare well with others for awards offered by the National Director? Look up your 1931 plans. Be sure to give me full number of contests held during the year, state what kind—silver, gold, matron's, L. T. L., etc. Give me name of local director, if you have one, otherwise local president's name will be given; if your contests were held in the Y. P. B. or L. T. L. state this.

I shall be eagerly waiting for replies and suggestions. Alone I can do nothing. With your continued cooperation we shall have a splendid report for the year.

Yours for service,
Mrs. J. N. Wallestad.

The World's Convention

North Dakota was represented at the World's Convention in Toronto by our State President, Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Mrs. A. A. Veitch of Grand Forks and the writer. The trip to Toronto was most enjoyable as we found delegates from other western states on our train and one delegate from far away Japan journeyed with us to Chicago. Over 2000 delegates and visitors were present at the convention and the large hall in the Royal York Hotel was very crowded at every session. We were fortunate in securing good seats so we could both see and hear almost everybody that spoke. The program of the convention was most inspiring for each over-seas delegate brought news of the onward march toward prohibition in her land. Every one missed Miss Anna A. Gordon, World's President, and many tender messages and thoughtful gifts were sent to her. Mrs. Boole presided most graciously and kept the business of the convention up to time.

Mrs. Louise McKinney, Vice President for Canada, who seemed to be our own, since so much of her life was spent in North Dakota, was ever present to smilingly make announcements, answer questions and keep a kindly oversight of the entire convention. The Canadian women were very hospitable and extended countless courtesies to us, among them, the picnic on Center Island in Ontario Bay, attended by over 1000 delegates and visitors; a tea at the Parliament House; receptions at Willard House, the headquarters of the Toronto W. C. T. U., luncheons, etc.

Among the notables present were Miss Marie Sandstrom of Sweden who told the convention that the Bratt system is a failure; Miss Mary J. Campbell of India who told us she believes India will be the next nation to adopt prohibition; Mrs. Maschew Miller of South Africa who told us that the temperance people there are showing the others that there are many other ways to use grapes besides making wine.

Madame Jomini, the hostess of the last World's convention when it met in Switzerland, told of the growth of the temperance hotels there; Miss Dagmar Prior of Denmark, who made the beautiful statue of Miss Gordon that was unveiled on Sunday afternoon, said that restrictions are being placed upon the sale of liquors in her country. Miss Totoki of Japan told us of the work of the 8,000 W. C. T. U. members in her land; Ruth Chen of China made this plea: "Dear friends, I pray you to promote public opinion in your countries against the capitalists who ship in all sorts of harmful things to China, such as opium, habit forming drugs, cigars, cigarettes, wines, moving pictures, which introduce social immorality."

Miss Ida Nummela of Finland, the only prohibition country of Europe, told of conditions there and of the hard work the W. C. T. U. is doing. We learned with joy of the increasing dry areas in Scotland, of the growing sentiment in England, Latvia and other countries. One of the most picturesque delegates present was Senora Rosauro de Martinez of Mexico who said that there are over 5,000 members in her land. Madame Layyah Barakat told tales of her native Syria. Space will not permit even brief mention of the many who addressed us; but we must not fail to speak of those who told us of the absolute failure of the Government Control system of Canada. Dr. A. J. Irwin, Secy. of the Prohibition Union of Canada, said that it had not been possible for any province to enact a complete regulatory law, and that the drink bill in the Dominion last year was \$193,620,000, almost four times

as much as was spent for all boots and shoes. Sir Geo. Foster said "Government sale is a failing experiment. Government partnership will never solve the liquor question. Government privilege is putting barriers in the way of the successful solution of the problem."

Saturday night was Young People's night and a beautiful demonstration was presented in which Youth's Roll Call was used.

The Light Line Demonstration was given in a new and striking fashion, so that the women from over-seas received a splendid idea of the purpose of the Light Line Unions. Over 500 women were said to be in the march and Mrs. Veitch and Mrs. Wilder were two of the number.

Sunday morning's sunrise service was very well attended. The afternoon service was over-crowded when thousands came to listen to Ex-Gov. Brewster of Maine defend prohibition, to hear Miss Sandstrom speak of the failure of the Bratt System and Sec. Irwin speak on Government Control. Fifty pulpits of the city were occupied by delegates at the morning or evening services. Mrs. Wilder spoke at the Hillcrest Christian Church.

The music of the convention was unusually fine and was in charge of Mrs. Isabel Wray Jenkins. Her solo interpretation of the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians will always be remembered for its beauty.

Mrs. Boole's address was the high point of the convention. In it she told of the world-wide advance of our cause and stated that although the time might not be ripe for national prohibition in every country, the time is ripe to start in that direction.

The exhibits brought from other countries were interesting and showed the trend of the work in those places. We were glad that the U. S. A. had brought so many exhibits for we often saw the over-seas delegates taking notes in the Exhibit room.

America was honored when Mrs. Boole was elected World's President and North Dakota felt honored along with Canada when dear Mrs. Louise McKinney was elected Vice President. The other officers were all re-elected Mrs. Anderson was one of the tellers. At the close of this wonderful convention we said farewell to one another feeling that in very truth "The World is Going Dry;" but that to inspire all other countries and to hasten the day of world prohibition we in America, will work harder than ever to make our law effective and to win converts to our cause.

Kate S. Wilder.

Rockne Flays Tobacco

School Boy in West Virginia Received Answer to Query.

One of Knute Rockne's last letters was written to a Mannington school boy who wanted to know the great coach's opinion on the use of tobacco by athletes.

Daniel Hanley Sturm, sixth grade student, is the possessor of the prized letter. He wrote to Rockne while fellow students were writing to other athletic leaders. In replying to Daniel, the reply was:

"Dear Daniel:

My experience has shown that tobacco slows up the reflexes of the athletes, lowers their morale, and does nothing constructive.

Athletes who smoke are the careless type and do not have the best interests of their team at heart.

Yours sincerely,

K. K. Rockne,
Director of Athletics."

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Summer Activities

SECOND DISTRICT observed Anna Gordon's birthday by holding their annual picnic July 21st. A memorial service was held in the afternoon.

MRS. FRED M. WANNER AND MRS. NELLIE P. BARBER were in charge of the Tarry-a-While at Baldwin Cottage, Lakewood Park, during the Encampment of the National Guard there. Many of the boys enjoyed the home-like atmosphere of the cottage.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT held an institute and gold medal contest in Memorial Park, Grand Rapids, June 25th. Mrs. E. S. Bordwell led an L. T. L. rally and Mrs. J. M. Holcomb spoke on the work of her Narcotic department. Marjorie Hanson, daughter of the district president, was awarded the gold medal. Contestants were present from Edgeley, West Fairview, Dickey and Lisbon.

THE STADY-ZAHL union held a W. C. T. U. picnic at Stady July 18, with delegates present from Alamo, Hanks and Williston. The Zahl male quartet and Ruder choir furnished music. Mrs. C. E. Lee, the efficient local president, presided. A memorial service for Miss Gordon was conducted. Six contestants competed for a silver medal which was won by Shirley Manning of Alamo with the selection—"Rose Marie Also Serves." Ex-County Superintendent Geo. Hillier, Williston, gave a splendid address on Prohibition. A picnic lunch was served under the trees at the close.

ALAMO held a public meeting at the Free Lutheran church with a good attendance. A memorial was observed for Miss Gordon. There were vocal numbers and two silver medal contests in which Adeline and Mildred Landro were winners. Alamo union has held six silver medal contests this year and two Alamo girls won gold medals elsewhere.

CARRINGTON awarded essay prizes at commencement exercises with 500 people in attendance, thus giving publicity to the work. Helen Stephan won first place in the junior-senior division and Harley Monson in the freshman-sophomore group. Mrs. Guy F. Harris, local president, in presenting the prizes, briefly explained the work.

SYKESTON union was visited by the district president, Mrs. Guy F. Harris, and four other ladies from Carrington. Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Slater and Miss Kaufman also attended the meeting.

Winners in State Essay Contest

The following prize winners in the state essay contest are announced: Third grade, Robert Kutzer, Fairmount; Fourth grade, Frances Gronley, Fairdale; Fifth and Sixth grades, Gladys Matteson, Inkster; Seventh and Eighth grades, Edwin Johnson, Minot; Freshman-Sophomore, Mary Huey, Bottineau; Junior-Senior, Dorothea Gerbracht, Hettinger.

In the poster contest, Edith Peterson and Edith Bannerman, Fordville, were awarded first place; Glendora Olson, Northwood, second, and Nellie Mulvain, Oberon, third.

There was no Teachers' contest in the state because of insufficient number of essays presented, but that of Miss Leal Edmunds, Grand Forks, was considered best and entered in the National contest.

N. B. Failure to comply with rules calling for name and address of each writer prevented the splendid essay of Barbara Stoffel, Fourth grade, from being entered. At this writing we do not know her address and no names of writers were sent from Ryder.

Mrs. Wanner's Work in the West

Leaving home May 19, I arrived in Linton that evening and was warmly welcomed in the home of Mrs. Ellen Pagel, district president. There I spoke four times, driving to Hazelton on the 21st where we had a very good convention of the Ninth district. All officers were re-elected. I also spoke in schools and circulated Youth's Roll Call. From there I went to Mandan and was entertained by an old friend, Mrs. Grant Palmer, formerly of Jamestown, who was largely instrumental in the organization of the Mandan union. I met with the union and department work was discussed.

From there I went to Beach, holding a union service in the high school auditorium. At a mother's meeting in the afternoon, we organized a union with eight active and three honorary members. Mrs. C. C. Holstein its president; Mrs. R. V. Davis, vice president; Mrs. C. I. Cook, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. J. Beir, recording secretary, and Mrs. C. J. Eide, treasurer. Monday I spoke in schools, presenting Youth's Roll Call.

Dickinson came next where the ladies of the union served a delightful Patriotic Tea as a reception to new members and I had the pleasure of pinning the flag on three Prohibition Patriots, and later gave an address. Next morning I spoke at the State Normal School to three hundred students. Drove to New England that evening, speaking there the following afternoon. At Rainy Butte, where we have a live little union, I spoke at a Lutheran Aid Society to sixty-seven people. Returning to New England, the Legion and Auxiliary were addressed. At Reeder, commencement and Memorial Day exercises were in progress but I called and made plans for the Sunday evening service. Driving 25 miles to Bowman, I spoke in the church and Sunday school and with the pastor, Rev. E. O. Grunstead, drove 18 miles in the country, addressed the Sunday school and gave the Memorial Day address. Sunday evening I drove to Reeder, holding a union service. That day I drove 61 miles and gave five talks.

At Hettinger, June 2, we held a very good district convention with 23 voting delegates and a fine attendance. I also spoke in schools to over 200 students and gave the convention address in the evening after a very good silver medal contest, in charge of Mrs. E. C. Thomas, at which Wilma Potter won first place. We secured promises for the organization of three L. T. L.'s. Two new subscriptions were secured for The Union Signal. Officers elected were, President, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Hettinger; vice president, Mrs. Belle Stevens, Reeder; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Albert Marple, Hettinger; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Ed. Hoffland, Reeder; treasurer, Mrs. Willie Olson, Bucyrus. While in Hettinger I spoke at an afternoon meeting of the Legion Auxiliary.

I drove 40 miles to Mott, called upon some women who were interested and spoke in the Legion Auxiliary Hall. Next day I left for home, having spent 17 days in the field, addressed 1554 people, organized four L. T. L.'s and one union. I wish I could make you all see some of those earnest, consecrated Christian women who are carrying on, many of them against obstacles that seem unsurmountable. We can help them by our prayers and may God especially bless the leaders of the L. T. L.'s and our new union. Through the Bulletin I want to again thank the many women and their husbands who made my stay among them so pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. Fred M. Wanner.

Call for State Convention

The forty-second annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota is hereby officially called to meet in Williston, N. D., September 24-27, 1931. The state executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 24, at 2:00 p. m.

The executive committee is composed of the trustees, district presidents or their alternates, the general secretaries of the Young People's and Loyal Temperance Legion Branches, the editor of state paper, department directors, organizers, field workers, the historian and the musical director.

The membership of the state convention includes the executive committee, district corresponding secretaries and treasurers, chairmen of standing committees, presidents of local unions or their alternates, one delegate at large from each local union and one for every 30 paid members; one L. T. L. delegate for every \$5.00 L. T. L. dues paid into state treasury, said delegate to be an L. T. L. superintendent. The Y. P. B. is entitled to the same representation in the convention as the W. C. T. U. but the delegates must be young women.

Delegates are urged to arrange automobile parties for driving to Williston.

The state treasurer's books will close September 10th.

Elizabeth Preston Anderson,
President.

Barbara H. Wylie,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Tide is Coming In

Prohibition is stronger today in the support it is receiving from people than at any other time since 1922.

The past three months have seen a near-revolution in public sentiment.

Whereas, three months ago, prohibitionists could claim with certainty only a majority in the United States the ascendancy of the principle and policy is today commanding.

There can be no doubt of the facts. From all parts of the country come reports of crowded prohibition mass meetings. Young people in educational institutions are clamoring for opportunities to engage in prohibition work. Study clubs are being organized in colleges and churches. The dull apathy of 1930 has been replaced by an alert interest and a fighting enthusiasm. Today the prohibitionists of the United States are ready to enter the lists with the wets at any time with the certainty of demonstrating the right of the American people to establish policies by Constitutional means and make them effective, despite criminals, nullificationists, and their unthinking allies.

Organization is being strengthened and the various temperance boards and societies will, during the coming winter, hold literally thousands of meetings. Demands for literature are heavier than ever before.

Why? We don't know. It is an unexplained and perhaps unexplainable shift in mass psychology. Perhaps the people resent the contribution of millions of dollars by a few wealthy men for the purpose of showing the country that it cannot do what it wants to do. Perhaps the unfairness of a great many of the wet newspapers has irritated the public. Perhaps the shocking fanaticism of such wet spokesmen as Mr. Woll and Mr. Corey Ford have aroused the innate loyalty of the people. Perhaps they have grown sick of low ideals, propagated by degenerate play writers, evil-minded novelists, and iconoclastic critics, and want to return to the simple patriotism and cleanliness of earlier days.

Perhaps the attitude of government

has had something to do with it. Investigation of prohibition by the Wickersham Commission inevitably put a question mark over the policy. It encouraged the more unscrupulous wets to attempt to show that the law could not be enforced, and, therefore, must be repealed. The seeming immunity of gangsters, racketeers, and "big shot" violators of the prohibition law disgusted the people and dampened their enthusiasm.

Now the investigation is over, we know we have the law, we know we are going to keep the law, we know the law must be enforced. Al Capone is awaiting sentence, the federal government has demonstrated once again that it is the biggest of the "big shots." In the prohibition service, thruout the Department of Justice, nothing is heard but the determination to get the situation well in hand. There is no more talk in the Republican party of placating the wets or compromising. In the Democratic party, the shrewd, old-line veterans of politics have awakened to the fact that Mr. Raskob's effort to sell Democracy into slavery to the County Trust Company and Alfred E. Smith means simple political ruin.

Like Job's war horse, we smell the battle afar off, and we are ready for it.—The Clipseet.

The Seventeenth District

The 42nd annual convention of the 17th District Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Presbyterian church in Park River, Thursday and Friday, June 25-26. Delegates were in attendance from Adams, Edinburg, Fairdale, Fordville, Grafton, Hannah and Nekoma. The guest of honor was Mrs. Fred M. Wanner of Jamestown, who gave at the evening meeting, a most interesting account of her experiences on the Gold Star Mother's trip to France last year, as the guest of the United States government.

Reports showed the work of the W. C. T. U. continuing as usual, with special emphasis upon all educational methods. The second day of the convention was devoted largely to an institute, in which definite instruction in the different branches of work was given. A memorial service was held, for comrades promoted in the last year, during which the name of Miss Anna Adams Gordon, former National and World's president, was mentioned. Plans for compiling a history of the district were made, and each union was asked to have their ready before the state convention this fall. All officers were re-elected, with the exception of treasurer, for which office Mrs. J. S. Fattlar of Fairdale was named.

Prizes for the best essays in the district essay contest, under the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction were awarded to the following, in each grade: Third Grade, First, Elvina Sholey, Fairdale; Second, Arlet Johnson, Fairdale. Fourth Grade, First, Frances Granley, Fairdale; Second, Gladys Johnson, Fairdale. Fifth Grade, First, Florence Nelson, Fairdale; second, Phyllis Strano, Fairdale. Sixth Grade, First, Heiny Ohnstad, Fairdale; Second, Leone Arneson, Fairdale. Seventh Grade, First, Lewis Johnston, Fordville; second, Hope Myklebust, Fairdale. Eighth Grade, First, Jean Lowe, Forest River; Second, Harriet Dike, Fairdale. Freshman-Sophomore, High School, First, Ruth Dike, Fairdale; Second, Edna Hilde, Adams. Junior-Senior High School, First, Florence Strand, Fairdale; Second, Violet Anderson, Edinburg.

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.

Mrs. Pehrson's Letter

Dear Co-Workers:

Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, national director Evangelistic department, sets the goal of 60 praying bands in each section in preparation for the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Crusade in 1934. Any number may form a praying band by agreeing to pray at the same time for the same things. Mrs. Armor has given us the following outline under the title—"Let Us Pray."

1. For our World officers, each by name.
2. For our National officers, each by name.
3. For all field workers that they may have wisdom in speaking and that they may win the hearts of their hearers.
4. For an outpouring of the Spirit of God on all our workers, official and otherwise, everywhere.
5. For the careless that they may be aroused and come under conviction for their idleness and indifference; that they may change from a passive to an active attitude in this fight.
6. For the President of the United States that God may guard, guide and strengthen him in his efforts for the observance and enforcement of this God-given prohibition law and in all his great work for the welfare of his people.
7. For all who have a part in the enforcement and administration of the law.
8. For the opponents of the law that the eyes of the blind may be opened, that they may repent and turn away from their evil way.
9. That all the plans for the overthrow of prohibition may come to naught and that those engaged in organized work against prohibition may become discouraged and soon disband.

Locally, let us pray for parents, teachers and children in every organization that they may catch the vision and be true to their trust. "Prayer is the mightiest power in the universe. It reaches round the world; it can touch the highest heaven and shake the lowest hell" but it must be given earnestly, it must be inspired by His spirit and offered in His Name. Let each ask for herself—"Lord, teach me to pray."

Remember to report to me what you have done in this department, no matter how little it may have been. "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Sincerely yours,
Alamo, N. D. Elva D. Pehrson.

Young People's Branch

Dear Y. P. B. Friends:

Let us not forget the Y. P. B. in vacation. This summer may be just the time to do surprising things as many remain at home. Let us present Youth's Roll Call wherever young people gather. That is the way to sell prohibition to young people. Use the radio as suggested in The Union Signal of April 18; also newspapers, original posters, deputation teams and young people's rallies. The new playlet—"Youth's Roll Call in Person," costs only 2 cents and takes six characters.

Will you not try to promote the Y. P. B. missionary fund this year? You may be interested in trying for the Ada Mohn-Landis Prize Story contest. It is worth while. Distribute such leaflets as "Why Be a Total Abstainer," "A Call to Young Men," "Your Manhood and Alcohol" and others. Remember the call—"A Million Signers to Roll Call for the Nation by November 1" and 18,000 for North Dakota by October 1st. We have now 8,032 signers and 95 paid Y. P. B. girls.

Hatton has 49 members—19 boys and 30 girls. Tina Norgaard is a prohibition champion and patriot; Natalie Kjelland is a prohibition champion. Home runs are credited to Alice Hanson, Alfid Rud, Tina Norgaard, Natalie Kjelland and Frances Groven. Hearty congratulations for such fine work and cooperation! Let us pray and work for more like you!

Yours for results,
Makoti, N. D. Mrs. Geo. H. Moyer.

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